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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

SATOSHI KOIZUMI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/645,321

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
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Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.
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Group Art Unit: 1652
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August 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 to August 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$410.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

August 18, 2003

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LAWRENCE S. PERRY

(Name of Attorney for Applicant)

Signature

August 18, 2003

Date of Signature

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 (Paper No. 13),
please amend the application as follows: